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In re application of: Michael J. TOWLER et al.

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For: NEMATIC LIQUID CRYSTAL DEVICES, AND METHODS OF  
PRODUCTION THEREOF

Examiner: Thoi V. Duong

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**OFFICIAL****RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 22, 2003**

Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully  
requested in view of the following amendments and comments.

A petition and fee for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office  
Action is hereby submitted. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee for the  
extension of time to Deposit Account No. 18-0988.

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Moreover, *Ulrich et al.* does not make up for the above-discussed deficiencies in *Acosta et al.* and *Funada et al.* Thus, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

#### V. CONCLUSION


Accordingly, all claims are believed to be allowable and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should a petition for an extension of time be necessary for the timely reply to the outstanding Office Action (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary), petition is hereby made and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees (including additional claim fees) to Deposit Account No. 18-0988.

Respectfully submitted,

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